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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALAN, 11 & 12, Clements Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GORON, Ludgate Circus, E. C. HATZ HENRY & CO., 37, Watney, R. C. SAMPSON, DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE:—GALLIEN & PAILLON, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK:—ANDREW WING, 21, Park Row.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GORON, Melbourne and Sydney.

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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.
INTEREST received on NEW SHARES, 926,765.62
RESERVE FUND, \$2,500,000.
INTEREST received on NEW SHARES, 698,336.43
\$5,195,336.43

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman:—Wm. RAUPE, Esq.
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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

Notices of Firms.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned has resumed Charge as Secretary of the Society.
By Order of the Board,
N. J. EDE, Secretary.
Hongkong, October 29, 1883.

NOTICE.

FROM this date Messrs. RUSSELL & Co. will conduct our Business at this port and all Communications should be addressed to them.
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co. will also Act as AGENTS at this port for our line of Steamers.
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

Intimations.

Twelfth Volume of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.
No. 1.—Vol. XII.
—OF THE—
"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

The Structure of Chinese Characters, Chinese Guilds and their Rules, The Dialect of Yangchow.

China During the Tsin Dynasty, A.D. 204-418.

More on the Origin of the Arabic Numerals, Su Tung P'o in Hainan, Opium and the Smoking Habit, Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries, Correspondence, Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c. To Contributors.

It frequently occurs that from dainty or otherwise Good Tea is spoiled from the fact of being musty, mouldy, unpalatable to Foreigners' taste and unfit for their use.
This Refuse Tea the Lady Superintendents of the Italian Convent now comes forward and begs the Ladies and Gentlemen to let her have for her numerous Chinese pupils, for whom the sole beverage of luxury is Tea.
Hongkong, September 10, 1883.

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned, No. 7, Queen's Road, at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st day of October instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED, Hongkong, October 17, 1883.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st day of October instant, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED, Hongkong, October 17, 1883.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to send in to this Office a List of their Contributions of Premiums for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the PROPORTION of PROFIT for that year to be Paid as BONUS to CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not sent in before the 30th November next, will be made up by the Company, and no subsequent Claims or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Board,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary, Hongkong, September 1, 1883.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

Ratio to London, 100. P. & O., M. M. O. S. S. and Glen's. Subject to 5% Dis.

Tea and Silk from H.K. 100. Other Merchandise from Hongkong 100. Tea and Silk from Canton (transhipment at H.K.) 21a. 16a. Other Merchandise from Canton (transhipment at Hongkong) 16a.

Goods for New York via Suez Canal, 1% over rates to London.
Goods for New York via Suez Canal, transhipment in London, 1% over rates to London.
Silk for Marseilles, 1% under rates to London.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, B. & F. M. Line, Co., Ltd. MARINE INSURANCE, PARTICIPATION IN PROFITS.

THE Undersigned will return to each Insurer through them 33 1/3% of any profit there may be on his account for the 12 months ending the 30th April in each year. In the first settlement, only transactions initiated between this date and the 30th April next will be included.

The settlement will be made so soon as the Banks covered in each period have run off, and will be based on the difference between Net Premiums received, and Losses and Claims paid.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Hongkong, October 4, 1883.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE THIRD CALL of £10 Sterling per SHARE on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this Corporation, will fall due on the 30th SEPTEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong. Registered SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective Offices, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-mentioned places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the 1st Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank. HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 3/4-7/8, or \$64.70 per Share. INTEREST at the Rate of 7% per Annum will be charged on Calls unpaid on the 30th SEPTEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong, September 12, 1883.

HOP SHING & Co., ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS, COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON FOUNDERS, &c., NESS IRON WORKS.

HAVING This Day commenced BUSINESS, are ready to undertake Work of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of an Experienced EUROPEAN. Orders executed with the utmost despatch, and at moderate terms.

Excuse Room Stone, West Point, Hongkong.

24th September, 1883.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A Second and Final BONUS of Five per cent. on Contributions, and a DIVIDEND of EIGHTEEN DOLLARS and TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per Share for the year 1882, will be Payable on MONDAY, the 22nd instant.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, October 22, 1883.

For Sale. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NEW GOODS:

FENDERS and FIRE-IRONS, New FIRE-GUARDS and COAL VASES, KEROSINE COOKING STOVES, HINK'S "DUPLEX" TABLE LAMPS in New Designs, New FOLDING LAMP SHADES, LINEN "DAGMAR" SHADES, "SARATOGA" TRUNKS and LADIES' DRESS TRUNKS, TRAVELLING BAGS and HOLIDAY DESPATCH BOXES and PORTFOLIOS, New "SLIDER" PLAYING CARDS, "MOGULS" and "SQUEEZERS," CALL BELLS, SCRAP BOOKS, New OFFICE SUNDRIES, CHRISTMAS CARDS in New Prize Designs, MENU and NAME CARDS, PORCELAIN MENU TABLETS, ARTIST'S MATERIALS and New CANVASES, AIR BRUSHES and CUSHIONS, NEW CUTLERY, CHRISTY'S FELT-HATS in New Shapes and Colours, ELLWOOD'S FELT-HATS on Cork, CHICKETING CAPS and "TAM-O-SHANTER" CAPS, TENNIS SETS, TENNIS RATS, TENNIS BALLS, CRICKET RATS, BALL and STUMPS, GUNS and SPORTSMAN'S SUNDRIES, COPE'S TOBACCOES, Fresh GOLDEN CLOUD, Fresh BIRDSEYE and MIXTURE, MANILA and PENANG CIGARS, New SADDLERY, WHIPS and FLY SWITCHES, CURRY-COMBS and BRUSHES, SADDLES and SADDLE-CLOTHS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, October 24, 1883.

SAYLE & Co.'s SHOW-ROOMS.

JUST RECEIVED EX "GLENELG" AND NOW SHOWING.

CHEAP TRIMMED MILLINERY in latest styles.

SPECIALITIES IN BEAVER, FELT, and STRAW HATS, and BONNETS in newest shapes.

FEATHERS, FLOWERS, MILLINERY, SILKS, VELVETS, SATINS, &c., &c., &c.

SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, October 8, 1883.

Intimations.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the SECOND CALL of \$10.00 on the SHARES of the NEW ISSUE is Payable on the 31st Instant.

INTEREST at the Rate of 9% per Annum will be charged on all over-due Calls.

By Order, A. S. GARFITT, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, October 25, 1883.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to Furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the DISTRIBUTION of the PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the Thirty-first day of October next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, August 16, 1883.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

QUARANTINE AT EGYPTIAN AND CONTINENTAL PORTS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for passing the Company's Steamers through the SUEZ CANAL in QUARANTINE, thus avoiding any detention in Egypt. The Homebound Mails are now being landed at VENICE, but the QUARANTINE which is still imposed at this and all other CONTINENTAL PORTS prevents the landing of Passengers, and those travelling by the Company's Steamers are advised to remain on board the Vessel which calls at Marseilles en route—stopping a few hours only to discharge Cargo—and proceed in her direct to LONDON, thus avoiding all QUARANTINE delays and inconveniences.

The Passages of the Steamers will be accelerated, and they will not call at MALTA or GIBRALTAR.

E. L. WOODIN, Acting Superintendent, Hongkong, September 6, 1883.

MRS. P. SMITH, PRIVATE TIFFIN ROOMS.

No. 8 & 9, Bencoolen Arcade.

MEALS & REFRESHMENTS AT ALL HOURS.

TIFFIN ROOMS, BILLIARD ROOM, AND READING ROOM.

N.B.—NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR THE USE OF READING AND BILLIARD ROOMS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOARD and LODGING can be made by applying to Mrs. P. SMITH, On the Premises, Bencoolen Arcade.

Hongkong, October 18, 1883.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NEW GOODS:

FENDERS and FIRE-IRONS, New FIRE-GUARDS and COAL VASES, KEROSINE COOKING STOVES, HINK'S "DUPLEX" TABLE LAMPS in New Designs, New FOLDING LAMP SHADES, LINEN "DAGMAR" SHADES, "SARATOGA" TRUNKS and LADIES' DRESS TRUNKS, TRAVELLING BAGS and HOLIDAY DESPATCH BOXES and PORTFOLIOS, New "SLIDER" PLAYING CARDS, "MOGULS" and "SQUEEZERS," CALL BELLS, SCRAP BOOKS, New OFFICE SUNDRIES, CHRISTMAS CARDS in New Prize Designs, MENU and NAME CARDS, PORCELAIN MENU TABLETS, ARTIST'S MATERIALS and New CANVASES, AIR BRUSHES and CUSHIONS, NEW CUTLERY, CHRISTY'S FELT-HATS in New Shapes and Colours, ELLWOOD'S FELT-HATS on Cork, CHICKETING CAPS and "TAM-O-SHANTER" CAPS, TENNIS SETS, TENNIS RATS, TENNIS BALLS, CRICKET RATS, BALL and STUMPS, GUNS and SPORTSMAN'S SUNDRIES, COPE'S TOBACCOES, Fresh GOLDEN CLOUD, Fresh BIRDSEYE and MIXTURE, MANILA and PENANG CIGARS, New SADDLERY, WHIPS and FLY SWITCHES, CURRY-COMBS and BRUSHES, SADDLES and SADDLE-CLOTHS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, October 24, 1883.

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SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, October 8, 1883.

Intimations.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st October, the PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED to 1 1/2 Cents per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, September 15, 1883.

GENTLEMAN who has had long and varied EXPERIENCE in COMMERCIAL BUSINESS and is quite competent to take charge of BOOKS, CASH, CORRESPONDENCE or the GENERAL MANAGEMENT of an Office or the end of the year—Unexceptionable References.—Address "DELTA," Post Office, Amoy.

October 23, 1883.

A Good BOOKKEEPER, who has a few spare hours in the early morning, would be glad to take charge of a Set of Accounts. Terms very moderate.

Address "M. M. R.," c/o. China Mail Office, Hongkong, August 24, 1883.

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER, 22, PRATA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANYAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS of the CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Hongkong, October 20, 1883.

To Let.

GODOWN-STO-LET.

PRATA EAST AND WANGTAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, April 26, 1883.

TO LET.

SPACIOUS GODOWN at BOWRINGTON, suitable for the Storage of Coal.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, March 8, 1883.

TO LET.

"BISNEY VILLA" FORKLOOM.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, August 30, 1883.

TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 11, Queen's Road Central.

For further Particulars apply to Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

Auctions.

POSTPONEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THURSDAY.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on the 1st November, 1883, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

AN INVOICE OF JAPANESE PORCELAIN WARE, BRONZES, EMBROIDERED SCREENS, &c., &c., comprising—

VASES, JARS, LICENSE BURNERS, BOWLS, CARD DISHES, PLATES, BREAKFAST and TEA SERVICES, Egg-SHELL WARE, BRONZE FIGURES and ORNAMENTS, SILK EMBROIDERED FOLDING SCREENS, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer, Hongkong, October 29, 1883.

For Sale.

C. L. THEVENIN, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT, HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDING, HAS FOR SALE

A Fine Assortment of WHITE and RED BURGUNDIES.—GRAND HENRI, CHATELAIN, POMARD, RICHENBOURG, CHABLIS, Pinot and Quarts, &c., &c. OLD PORT, SHERRY, WHISKEY, COGNAC, ASSORTED LIQUEURS and SYRUPS; PERFUMERY, &c., &c.

Hongkong, October 17, 1883.

FOR SALE.

GOOD BORDEAUX CLARET.

In cases of 1 doz. Quarts at...\$3.50.

WOLFE SCHIEDAM SCHNAPPS.

In cases of 12 Bottles at...\$6.00.

Also, some PRIME HOLLAND Jenever in Stone bottles, and some FINEST PORTLAND CEMENT.

Double Barreled Breech Loading GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVING, CARTRIDGES and SHOT, &c., &c., &c.

J. F. SCHEFFER, 21 and 23, Pothing Street, Hongkong, August 16, 1883.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

FIVE HUNDRED to Six Hundred Tons COKE and COAL TAR, in lots to suit, from one ton upwards.

CHOY CHEW, 230, Praya West, Hongkong, June 18, 1883.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts...\$18 per 1 doz. Case, Pinot...\$19 per 2 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

PUBLICATIONS.

BY JOHN CHALMERS, M.A., LL.D., to be bought of LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. and KELLY & WALSH.

Structure of Chinese Characters, \$4.00. Cantonese Dictionary, 3.00. Concise Kanghi, half calf, 5.00. Do. stitched, 3.00. Tau-tai-king, 2.00. The Question of Terms, 1.00. Origin of the Chinese, 1.50. The Rhymes of the Shi, 1.00. LONDON MISSION, Hongkong, May 16, 1883.

RODERICK DHU WHISKY.

A Pure, Fine-Flavoured Blend, Equal in Bouquet and Style to the Finest FRENCH BRANDY.

Sole Agent, Hongkong, C. L. THEVENIN, Hongkong, October 10, 1883.

THE REPORT OF THE TRIAL OF LOGAN AT CANTON that have appeared in the China Mail is being printed in PAMPHLET FORM, and will be on SALE early TO-MORROW MORNING.—Price, 30 Cents.

Hongkong, October 2, 1883.

NOW ON SALE.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT.

By DR. E. J. EITEL.

CHOW OCEANO, PP. 1018.

HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K, \$2.50.

Part II. K-M, \$2.50.

Part III. M-T, \$3.00.

Part IV. T-Y, \$3.00.

A Reduction of 10 per cent. will be allowed to purchasers of Ten or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kanghi's characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the work is a practically complete Thesaurus of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purposes of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, January 15, 1883.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship "Glenelg," Captain QUINCY, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 31st Instant,

For Sale.

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONARIAT),
ARE NOW LANDING
FROM AMERICA.

CALIFORNIA
RAKERS
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.
Soda BISCUITS.
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.
Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
CORNMEAL.

White BEANS.
TOPPOCAN BUTTER.
Eastern and California CHEESE.
CORNISH in Tins.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
Family BEEF in 25 lb kegs.
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 2 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted SOUPS.
Richardson & Robbins' Celebrated Potted
MEATS.
Richardson & Robbins' Curried OYSTERS.
Cham CHOWDER.
Fresh OREGON SALMON.
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NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
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PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUVA, ISMAILIA,
PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS,
NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
ALSO,
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON TUESDAY, the 6th November,
1893, Noon, the Company's
S. S. *AYADY*, Commandant LORREUX,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and as
copied in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon of 5th November.
Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on
the 5th November. (Parcels are not to be
sent on board; they must be left at the
Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, October 26, 1893. no6

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.**

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE S. S. *OCEANIC* will be despatched
for San Francisco, via Yokohama,
with the option of calling at Honolulu,
on SATURDAY, the 15th November, at
3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama,
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full; and same will be received
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the
day previous to sailing.

Remains Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10% will
be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return
Passage Orders available for one year,
will be issued at a Discount of 25% from
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply
to through fares from China and Japan to
Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-
land, Mexican, Central and South American
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of this
Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central,
HONGKONG.

J. E. FOSTER,
Agent.
Hongkong, October 27, 1893. no17

NEWS FOR HOME.

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THE Steamship *Cairnmuir*, Captain
CASTLE, having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby re-
quested to send in their Bills of Lading to
the Undersigned for countersignature, and
to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Steamer will be at once landed and stored
at Consignees' risk and expense, and no
Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on to
YOKOHAMA, unless notice to the contrary be
given before Noon To-morrow, 27th Inst.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 3rd Nov., or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, October 26, 1893. no2

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. Oct. 30, 1893.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	1st- up.	Re- serve.	Working Account.	Last Di- viding Date.	Cash.
BANKS.							
HK. & S'hai	100,000	125	125	3,198,350	52,509.62	101	101
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INSURANCE.							
Nih. China Ins.	1,000 TL	2,000	TL 600 TL	400,000 TL	230,404.77	75	TL 1400 p. sh.
Yangtze Ins.	1,200 TL	360	TL 350 TL	538,225 TL	3,069.70	18	TL 1015

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Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.
THE LOFTUS TROUPE
WILL OPEN THEIR SEASON EARLY
NEXT WEEK
(dependent upon the arrival of the next
Mitre Steamers)

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S CELEBRATED
COMIC OPERA,
THE
PIRATES OF PENZANCE.

NEW AND APPROPRIATE SCENES BY
C. J. BARBER.
Correct Costumes and Artistic Properties.

any way as apologists for war. We only wish to point out that the situation is by no means as desponding for British trade and British interests as some would have us think, and that we may await the result with entire composure.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]
(Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

REAPPEARANCE OF CHOLERA.

AT ALEXANDRIA.
LONDON, 29th October, 1883.
Cholera has again broken out in Alexandria; twelve deaths occurred yesterday.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Telemachus* left Singapore on the 24th inst.; due here on or about the 31st inst.
The S. S. *Breconshire* left Singapore on the 25th inst.; due here on or about the 31st inst.
The S. S. *Glennaholm* left Singapore on the 27th inst.; due here on or about the 31st inst.

We would again remind our readers that the Bazaar in aid of the Bazar Chinese Girls' School takes place in the City Hall to-morrow afternoon. Proceedings commence at 2 o'clock. We trust the bazaar will be largely attended and that the expectations of the promoters will be fully realised.

Mr. Afong, the photographer, has had a serious loss, no less than \$642 in notes having been stolen from his house. He was under the impression that the act had been committed by burglars, but Inspector Quincey, in whose hands the matter was placed as an expert in the ways of these gentry, came to the conclusion that this was not the case. His suspicions fell upon a Chinese cook, whom he arrested; the case was brought before the magistrato to-day, but remanded to give the Inspector time for further inquiries.

It has been pointed out to us by more than one correspondent, that we have made a mistake of a minute in giving the time when the eclipse begins. Instead of the time being Oct. 31st, 4h. 29m. 4s. a.m., it should have been Oct. 31st, 4h. 30m. 4s. a.m. The mistake was due to a simple error in addition. The sun does not rise here, however, until 1 hour 35 minutes after the commencement of the eclipse. Our calculations were based on the longitude of the Cathedral, which explains the small difference, after the above error is corrected, there is between our times and that of our correspondents, whose letter appears in to-morrow's issue, and who bases his calculations on the longitude of Morrison Hill.

This afternoon His Highness the Maharajah of Johore took his departure from Hongkong in the steamer *Sutlej* for Singapore. His Highness was accompanied to the wharf by His Excellency Major-General Sargent, and several Officers of the Garrison. He was there met by the Hon. W. H. Marshall, and Admiral Meyer, and later on by His Excellency the Governor. A guard of honour from the Buffs under the command of Captain Gordon, with the regimental colours and Band, was drawn up on the Cricket Ground, and saluted His Highness both before and on leaving. Their Excellencies the Governor and the General, the Hon. W. H. Marshall, Colonel Farnell, and a number of the officers went off in the Governor's launch with His Highness, who was saluted by the shore battery as the launch left the wharf.

A CASE of a somewhat analogous nature to cases which have frequently been brought before the Courts at home occurred in our local tribunal to-day. A Chinese, unnamed, the daughter of a boatwoman, went off to see her yesterday afternoon. The girl's mother, doubting her remembering her old days of sweetheating, let them bill and coo to their heart's content in the stern of the boat, where she had a box containing clothes and \$60. At 7.30 p.m. the young lovers went ashore, and the mother, on going shortly afterwards to the stern of the boat, made the discovery that her box had been broken open, and the money taken. The anxious and distressed parent went in pursuit of the runaway, and captured, this morning, a certain Chai Akeung, of no occupation, who she asserts is the man, and whom she charged to-day with the theft. Nothing has been heard of the inmates of this celestial Jock o' Hazel-dun, and she may have had time to get "over the border and away," more lucky than the gallant, who is still awaiting the decision of the court.

The idea of a Clergy Club is being mooted at home, and has been so well patronised by requests from the Clergy to be made members that there is little doubt of the success of the movement.

THE *London Figure* learns from statute 19, George II. c. 21, that the price of an oath is fixed according to a regular scale. The labourer, sailor, or soldier who curses profanely forfeits one shilling. Every other person "under the degree of a gentleman" has to pay two shillings for the privilege of using bad language, and a gentleman or person of superior rank may be mulcted in five times the amount of the fine imposed upon the labourer, soldier, or sailor, which is hard upon a gentleman or a person of rank, considering that more profane swearing is certainly to be heard from a shilling than any gentleman is capable of.

If a native paper is to be believed, the Japanese authorities contemplate a decided move of encouraging the police. It is asserted that a museum of swords, clubs, &c., which have been injured or blood-stained in encounters with robbers is to be established, in order to fix the emulation of the constables. Photographs of notorious offenders, and accounts of their struggles with criminals, will also be preserved.

I WONDER how many more people are going to risk their lives voluntarily in order to demonstrate what the consequences would be if they were compelled to do so through an accident. Captain Dwyer nearly met with his death on Thursday, through trying to fall from Dover to Folkestone in a tub. I cannot see what good any of these feats do. If a man falls into the Niagara Rapids, or finds himself in the sea with only a tub, he does his best to save his life. How what anybody else has done helps him under the circumstances, I never could understand.

THE *Edinburgh*, turret-ship, which was built at Pembroke, and launched and christened by the Duchess of Edinburgh, in whose honour her name was changed from the *Ma-jestic*, underwent her speed trials on the 20th September. The ship went out of the harbour at half-past 8, and proceeded down the Channel. Returning to Colchester Bay, she made runs at the measured mile, her mean speed being 13.999 knots. She ran completely below the Neb Lightship, and completed her six hours' full-power trial. The total distance run during the six hours, as shown by the patent-log was 99 miles; the indicated horse-power, which, according to contract, should be 6,000, was expended by some 800. The trial was, therefore, most satisfactory, especially in the excessive power developed. The engines, which are three-cylinder vertical engines, with revolutions of 85 at high speed, are by Messrs. Humphreys and Tennant, and they worked with great regularity and smoothness, and, especially, to the entire satisfaction of the officials. The ship also steered exceedingly well.

AN Indian paper writes:—At Nungun-bakum, in the Madras Presidency, they have an odd way of casting out devils, so odd indeed that some of the enlightened residents in that place have petitioned the Commissioner of Police to put a stop to the proceedings of one professional exorcist, who carries on his business with the assistance of "dread howlings and jarring drums," and thus outrages his neighbour's sense of refinement. The petition contains a very graphic description of the method by which the evil spirits are expelled, and the treatment is so severe that it seems more likely to drive them in rather than out. In the case of one girl the regimen observed included eight days' solitary imprisonment, a merciless thrashing, continual drenching with water, and being dragged about by the hair. The enlightened theory of exorcism, we presume, is, that the mind expels the demon by the mortification of the flesh, but the method of the exorcist would seem to be to reduce the body to such a condition that no evil spirit would wish to dwell in such a carcass.

It appears that now that the hideous khakoe uniform has been introduced into use for the British troops in India, the Commander in chief there is about to take the question of the new dress of the British troops into consideration, with a view, apparently, to modifying some of its disagreeable, or possibly to abandoning it altogether. Each commanding officer of a British regiment is to be asked to give his views on the great khakoe question. It is to be hoped that a very rational proposal, viz., that two suits of khakoes should be retained for the soldier, and the old red uniform should be returned to, will be adopted. Khakoe is an undeniably useful and serviceable fabric, but when new it has a horrible odour, and after a little time changes its colour with a chameleon-like rapidity. A soldier cannot keep himself smart in it, and would soon give up his khakoes at the very thing which makes our men look so well when on the march or at parade. Considering how much the dress has to do with attracting recruits for our military army, it is to be hoped the authorities will effect this desired change.

HERE is good anecdote of Sir Evelyn Wood. During the height of the mutiny in Central India, and when he was in command of a troop of Horse, it was necessary to send important despatches through the heart of the enemy's country. Wood volunteered for this dangerous duty, and, possessing a fair knowledge of Hindostanee, disguised himself as an attendant on a mutineer. Attended by only one Sepoy, he set out by night, and, escorted by day, until he arrived near the camp of the rebel forces. Here he was detained and examined, but allowed to sleep in a tent under surveillance. In the night, as he expected, some native soldiers entered stealthily, and, crawling silently in the darkness, crept up to his tent, and, finding the tent empty, and the pockets and folds of his blanket, but found nothing but sundry small articles of merchandise, the pocket of despatches in his leather case having been carefully untied by Wood from his turban, and buried underneath the spot where he slept in a hole dug with his dagger-knife. The next morning he and his attendant were allowed to proceed, carrying with them the letters, which, if discovered, would have brought short shrift to the messengers.—*Figaro*.

FOUR individuals, described as "gentlemen of position," have been touring in the north-western counties arrayed as gipsies, and quartered in a regular gipsy van. Last week they halted near a village in Wiltshire, and one of the party commenced angling in a most inviting trout stream which was flowing close by the encampment; but he was not aware that this water is strictly preserved, and presently a keeper appeared, and, after an altercation, the fisherman was arrested and conveyed to the lock-up. His friends, finding their explanations received with derision, proceeded to the residence of the noble lord who owned the water, and, as he luckily looked upon the affair as a good joke, they obtained an order for the immediate release of the prisoner.—*Truth*.

guide, which, to use an Americanism, "would make a nigger sick." His name is Pierre Motter. On the 31st ultimo he started from the Alhambra Hospice at day-break, and made, with a tourist, an ascent of over 10,000 feet, returning after twelve hours. There he found on getting back a telegram from another tourist who required his assistance, and started off instantly to Bergin, a distance of three hours, after which he made the second ascent and descent, occupying together seventeen hours and finishing his labours on the night of the 1st September. He had been on his feet the whole time!—*Life*.

THE following true story of spontaneous charity, says *Life*, sounds delightfully fresh in these cynical times.—"Mlle. Anne Dronseret, a promising pupil of the Conservatoire, was sitting one morning at her window, in the Rue Serrier, when a poor woman came along the street singing in a low and broken voice in the hopes of earning a few sous. Her glance was directed pitifully towards the houses on either side, but the windows all remained closed, and the much-needed help came not. She turned sorrowfully away to try her fortune in another quarter; but the aching limbs refused to carry her farther, and the poor wretch sank down on the pavement. It was but the work of a moment for Anne Dronseret to fly to her aid, to take her into her room, and to read earnestly and plainly written on her own studies and the necessities of daily life absorbed the whole of her little pitance—but she took the woman's hand and her head, and with the full force of her young voice, sang one of the songs of the street with one of the professors at the Conservatoire. Like magic the windows on all sides flew open, and at the conclusion of the song a shower of silver pieces rained down, until at last the poor woman was sent on her way with a sum of seventy francs in her pocket. It reads almost like a tale of Ouida; but it is a true story for all that, and when the name of Dronseret becomes as famous as that of Nilsson or Tietjens, this little act of charity may, perhaps, commend itself to the army of her admirers and biographers."

THE *Madras Mail* has the following account of the proceedings of a swindler who appears to have been entirely successful in his operations at the "benighted" capital:—"The Police are on the track of Mr. Bremmer, of the firm of Mansfield, Bremmer & Co., recently established at Madras, who is charged with extensive swindling. The victims are very numerous, the Madras Government being among them. The following are a few among many instances of his sharp practice at Madras. Shortly after his arrival in Madras we are told, he prevailed upon Messrs. Deane & Co., to supply him with a suite of furniture including a piano. This he forthwith mortgaged to Sowcar Agha Chund, and an application was made at the High Court yesterday (Monday), for having this property sent to Messrs. Frank & Co. for sale, in order that the proceeds might be got out of it. In the course of business he undertook to supply Government with timber, and he got the Consulting Architect to Government to inspect some timber, which was not bona fide his own property, and succeeded in getting an advance of Rs. 15,000 from Government. Not long ago he succeeded in getting an accommodation from the Agra Bank of Rs. 10,000 for a short period. When the money became due, he utilized the securities (curiously in cash in this instance) of his cash-keeper and other employees with which he had previously paid up the bank. This apparent honesty quite took the agent, and when in the course of another week, Mr. Bremmer applied for another accommodation of Rs. 20,000, it was given without hesitation. After the receipt of this (which we hear he converted into sovereigns) he absconded. He has a good deal of the police for his help. Money by mail train about the 25th of last month, and the services of the police were called in at the end of last week. He was traced as far as Cuddapah. The next information the police got was that he had taken steamer at Colombo for Venice, and they telegraphed to Aden to arrest him on the arrival of the steamer at that port. A rumour was current in Madras on Saturday that he had been arrested, and that 4,000 sovereigns were found in his possession." Later accounts show that the person arrested was the wrong man.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

I am glad to see in your paper that a portion of the Race-course is to be utilized as a Cricket Ground. The new "Victoria Cricket Club" has my wishes for its success, and I have no doubt its institution will have to be thanked for much improvement in both the health and the muscle of its members. In a climate like that of Hongkong too much attention cannot be devoted to exercise.

It will be some time before we shall forget Dobson's dashing innings on Saturday afternoon. He let out at nearly every ball, his hits to leg being particularly fine. Besides, he went in when the game was at a crisis and saved the Club a defeat. Making twenty-four runs with seven consecutive balls is probably without a precedent, at least in Hongkong.

I wonder if anybody took the time in which his forty-two runs were made: Massie, the brilliant Australian cricketer, in the opening match of his last tour of the Australian Eleven, made 206 runs in three hours against the bowling of the Oxford University.

Whoever captained the Club eleven showed good judgment in sending in Scoones with Dobson, as the former kept the wickets up, while the latter made the runs. I must also say a word of praise in praise of that promising young cricketer Barff. In the first innings he made 43, not out; in the second he made 27 before he was caught out, with a really magnificent catch by Porter in the long field. The fielding of the "Buffs" was very good; that of Bunbury at point particularly so.

I see that Mr. Cameron, the special correspondent of the *Standard*, leaves by the

English mail to-day. That was an interesting description he gave of Hongkong and the voyage to Tonquin. I cannot, however, exactly endorse the following as gospel:—"The streets, rising one above the other, are illuminated by myriads of Chinese lanterns that hang over every door, and almost over every window. These successive tiers of lights are again reflected in the shimmering waters below, across which fill incessantly the tiny lanterns of the numerous sampans that ply amongst the shipping."

I know Mr. Cameron is a gentleman who is never thirty, otherwise I should have imagined he had seen double, and trouble, and about a thousand fold when he sat down to write about these myriads of Chinese lanterns, and their reflections on the shimmering waters. As to the fitting lanterns of the sampans, I was under the impression that a standing complaint against these boats was that they would not carry lights.

The Race-course will, I presume, be opened in the usual manner on the 1st proximo, and our veteran sportsmen will go down as usual to sign their names in the coffee-book, the earliest form—I beg the pardon of the sporting fraternity—taking to himself much credit for being the first on the list. I hear that, notwithstanding the hard work and careful attention of our popular O.C., the course still shows signs of the effects of the heavy rains we have had this season.

The bath-house is not going to the dogs, but the dogs—dead ones—appear to be going to it. I am told the bathers had the company of a drowned dog this morning.

By the way, the comments in your reports of the Aquatic Sports the other day, on the dilapidated appearance of the bath-house, were not too strong. I hear that several bathers have been badly stung by jelly fish, which can easily get into the bath owing to the state of the lamboos.

Punch has been making very merry over the Franco-Chinese embroglio. One sage observes that the newest "Chinese puzzle" are the despatches from Tonquin. Another writer gives a variation of "you may go to Hongkong for me," Germany being supposed to be addressing France:—

To Tonkin she has gone,
This is capital fun.
Though, as policy, fiddle-de-dee.
If adventure she love,
I shan't throw down the glove,
She may go to—Hongkong for me!

Now the winter months are almost upon us, some of your readers may be glad to know there is one very pleasant walk in this Colony, which is not perhaps much known, but which will fill your lungs with sea breeze far freer than that enjoyed in the harbour. Take the steamlane-launch—it is clean enough in front to Sha-tai-wan, and then walk up to Cape Collinson light-house. You get back in time to catch the return launch, which leaves, however, very early, but if you miss it you can walk back to Hongkong on one of the best roads in the Colony.

One of the best wooded parts of the island is where the Hongkong end of the tunnel of the Tytan water-works is being bored at the back of the Wong-nei-chong village. I do trust the engineer in charge of those works, or some one in authority, will take care that the coolies employed on this end of the tunnel do not damage the trees in the neighbourhood.

Just a hint for sportsmen here during the ensuing racing season. According to an Indian paper, an amusing scene was witnessed at the old stand, Calcutta, when the well-known racing pony *Hark* was brought up for a certificate. He was first passed at the height he has invariably run at up-country meets; then his owners' representative, prize-worthily wishing to get him as low as possible, took him away, manipulated his heels, and brought him back again; when lo and behold he measured an inch more. Why? Simply because his heels being tender he stood on his toes. Moral—Don't try to cut it too fine.

APPROPRIATE of the adoption of part of the Race-course as a Cricket Ground, a correspondent writes to me, making a somewhat noteworthy suggestion. He deprecates the absence of trees in Hongkong, but suggests that there is no reason why, during the approaching winter afternoons and evenings, we should not be able to enjoy some skating. Let a portion of the Race-course be made into a skating rink!

The suggestion is novel, and I would put it forward as the merest suggestion that the new Victoria Ice Company should change its name to the "Victoria Skating Company," and, instead of manufacturing ice to cool our drinks, the Company might manufacture an ice floor, or the best substitute for one, on which we can crank our heads, dislocate our limbs and perform the hundred and one other vagaries of the skating rink.

There might be a great deal of fun over such an institution, but I question if it would become very fashionable.

Some of the Indian and home papers

affair and the riot on Shamien. No doubt many of your readers have read some of these strange mixtures themselves.

Punch thinks that Sir George Bowen should no longer be known as the "Grand Old Man," but as the "Grand Old Feller"—tree feller!

"Nature abhors a vacuum," and just to fill up the last sheet before me, I may note that Li Hung Chang appears to have expressly stated to Sir George Bowen in the North that he was in favour of peace, progress, and the introduction of railways and telegraphs. It is interesting to find perhaps the most powerful man in China making this avowal in 1883. The declaration is not without its significance for the future of the country.

The Governor evidently knows how to tickle the "Napoleon of the East." Bravo! Sir George—very smart compliment.

CUTTLE.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."
Stag Hotel, Hongkong, Oct. 30.

DEAR SIR,—Excuse me for calling attention to a mistake of 55.8 seconds in your last night's correspondent's elements of the eclipse. This you will perceive by inspecting the annexed figures. I thought it necessary to write you upon this subject, because I was asked if I had supplied the information your last night's correspondent said was erroneous.

Assuming Point Albert, now called Morrison Hill (Secondary Meridian) to be in 114° 57' E. or 71° 38' W., the following are the phases of the Annular Eclipse:

Taking G. M. T. the eclipse begins on the Earth generally Oct. 30, 8h. 33m. 24s.

Point Albert Long. 114° 57' E. =

h. m. s.

7.36.39.8

Local M. Time at Hong-

kong, 12h. = 7.36.03.8 a.m.

Central Eclipse at Noon,

Oct. 30, 11.36.48

Long. H'kong in Time, 7.36.39.8

Local Time at HK, 12h. = 7.13.27.8 a.m.

Central Eclipse ends Oct.

30, 13.33.42

Long. in Time, 7.36.39.8

Local M. Time at HK, 9.10.21.8 a.m.

Ends on the Earth gene-

rally Oct. 30, 14.48.30

Long. in Time, 7.36.39.8

Local M. Time at HK, 10.25.09.8

* Difference = 4.30.49.8

(China Mail, 4.29.04.0

Error, 0.00.59.8

Capt. JOHN AMBROSE CLARKE.

Police Intelligence.

(Before Capt. H. G. Thomsett R.N.)

Tuesday, Oct. 30.

CHARGE AGAINST A CONSTABLE.

JOE AFAT, a lunko, employed on board the junk *Yok Wai*, at present in the custody of the police, when it was his duty to look after the boat and property contained therein, was accused by Inspector Cameron of stealing an opium pipe, an umbrella, a brass and a piece of cloth, value \$6. On the loss of the articles, being reported, the Inspector instituted a search, and discovered them in a house in Mong Kok Tui.

This man, a hawker, was called and corroborated this evidence, saying that when a police sergeant came to his house to make enquiries he told him all he knew about the matter.

A lunko gave evidence as to discovering that the goods were missing, and the case was remanded until the 2nd prox.

ATTEMPT TO ROB.

WONG AFUK, coolie, was charged, in company with three men not in custody, with attempting to rob a farmer of 100 taels of silver.

It appeared from complainant's evidence that he had recently returned from San Francisco. He was standing on the Praya waiting for a passage boat with the buy of silver in his hand, when defendant came up and seized the bag, while two others laid hold of complainant from behind, and another caught him by the wrist. As complainant would not let go the bag, defendant hit his hand (mark shown). A cry of thief was raised, and the four men ran off. Defendant was stopped by a constable. The bag contained 85 clean silver dollars, 52 chopped dollars, 10 pieces broken silver, altogether its value was about 100 taels. Defendant asked no questions, and the case was remanded to the 6th prox.

ON SUSPICION.

An Fat, coolie, was charged on suspicion with the theft of \$642 in notes, property of Afong, the photographer. Inspector Quincey, on Afong reporting the loss, examined the house, which showed no signs of having been broken into. From enquiries, he considered the defendant was concerned in the robbery but asked for a remand to make further investigation.

STEALING BRASS.

Lung Aing was brought up for stealing four brass hinges, value 41 cents. A constable gave evidence as to seeing him in the act of so doing. The case was remanded until to-morrow.

Footchow.

We notice the arrival, by the S. S. *Toku* from Shanghai, of the Rev. Bishop Merrill and his wife. The Bishop is making a tour of inspection of the Methodist Episcopal Mission in China and Japan. He has visited the Mission in North and Central China, and will remain here for a few weeks, and preside at the Foochow Methodist conference commencing November 6th, and leaving on week. From here, the Bishop and Mrs. Merrill will return homeward via Hongkong to San Francisco.

We are pleased to learn, upon good authority, that it is intended for one of H. R. M.'s grandsons to be regularly

stationed at Pagoda Anchorage—*Foochow Herald*.

Rantsin.

There has not been any political news of much importance to communicate since my last. Mr. Tietjens is expected in a day or two from Peking; and Mr. Russell Young, looked for almost immediately from the South.

With you, as well as with people in Hongkong, it appears that the cause of the many Chinese failures is said to be speculation in minor shares. Here, again, the Chinese are buying up. Kaiping is as fast as they can get them. The quotation to-day is Ts. 90 against Ts. 80 as given in the *Hu Pao*. Some attribute this improvement to the rich veins struck in the new shaft that has been sunk this year, and the improvement has been in quality and quantity of the No. 3 seam, but others, who are better informed ascribe it to the intervention which have taken place lately between the managers of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company and the Viceroy—immediately after which Mr. Hui Yu-chih left per steamer for Shanghai. It is said that in addition to the coal, iron, and silver mines to the north-east of Kaiping are to be worked, as a special boon granted by His Excellency to the Company. Such, at least, is the report, which is being very freely discussed by the Chinese here, and it is this which has partially contributed to the rapid demand for shares. It is also known that Mr. Hui Yu-chih has made satisfactory arrangements with the Chung-tang with regard to the official Reserve Fund, and this has relieved the pressure on the Company's finances, local advance banks here having come forward to meet the demand, so that the difficulties which were threatening the concern have been in part removed.

I am informed that the Canton indemnity has been fixed at \$100,000, and that this sum has been accepted; but I cannot vouch for the truth of this. Also that the ring-leaders of the mob are to be beheaded.—*N. C. D. News*.

Your occasional Correspondent is slightly in fault, I think, in saying that Mr. Tietjens declined the offer of the Chung-tang's launch to tow him up the river. It was not offered him. Two Ministers were here at the same time, and both wanting to go to Peking. To offer the launch to either would have seemed to be discourtesy to the other, especially if "the other" was Mr. Tietjens. But "fortune favours the brave," and with her favouring hand the Chung-tang was equal to the emergency—he offered his launch, and the two Ministers were towed up the river. All were pleased, and no one felt slighted. Such we learn were the facts.

A rumour has been afloat for the last few days to the effect that the Kaiping Mining Company has failed. How much of truth there is in it is difficult to say. It is well known that a large sum of money was sunk in the ground with the shafts before any coal was brought to the surface. It is only recently that they have begun to pay expenses, not to mention the interest on the previous heavy outlay. So there seems to be some ground for such a rumour to stand on, while yet it may be of no moment. Some of the coal from these mines—"guaranteed" to be No. 5 seam—is now for sale at Ts. 6 per ton, instead of the originally advertised price of Ts. 5. It does seem to be a great misfortune that the first mining operations should not have been started in the month of September, when the weather is so much more propitious, where lime, coal, and iron and probably other metals, abound in close proximity, and whence communication is near and easy to Tientsin, instead of at Kaiping, which is certainly not all that could be wished.

U.S. Consul Zuck starts by *Farak* to-morrow for the States, and will leave, leaving Vice-Consul Pilcher in Charge.—*N. C. D. News*.

Peking.

The newly-arrived British and French Ministers have had their interviews with Prince Kung and the members of the Tseung-yamen. Mr. Tietjens and Sir George Bowen have been to the Great Wall, Ming Tombs and the usual round. Sir George leaves to-day for the north. Mr. Tietjens will spend the winter in Peking, and will be followed by the agents of the Shanghai firms who visit us twice annually here, on their autumn tour, and have, like the swallows, returned to warmer climes. The weather is getting decidedly cooler here—but very pleasant. The leaves are beginning to turn yellow and fall; in a very short time winter will be upon us, and then we shall again be shut out from the civilised world for three months. The other night it thundered all right and the sky was illuminated almost as brightly as during the day. The new Russian Minister and family arrived overland via Siberia yesterday. The Customs duties have returned from their pleasant enforced sojourn at the Hills and are now preparing to leave for the respective ports to which they have been appointed. We understand Mr. Men-cattin goes to Amoy, Mr. de la Touche to Foochow, and Mr. Brosch to Tientsin. Mr. Pym has already gone to Chefoo. Mrs. Grosvenor and Mrs. Duffell leave in a few days for Europe. Mr. Grosvenor, it is understood, will remain here till the spring. It may be news to a commercial centre like yours to know that Mr. Kierulff is having his store rebuilt and enlarged. His store is very much frequented by the higher Chinese in search of foreign curios. He seems to be doing an excellent business. Speaking of new buildings, I should have told you that a new Roman Catholic chapel has been lately built in the French Legation by the Fathers of the Pui Tze (Northern) Cathedral with an entrance in the street between the two old Legation gates.

We are pleased to learn that Señor Marzal, interpreter to the Spanish Legation, has just been decorated with the great and distinguished Royal Order of Charles III. We congratulate him upon receiving this decoration as a mark of the approval of his conduct by his Government.—*N. C. D. News*.

A PARTING newspaper, with a ham sandwich supplement to each number, is the next literary novelty proposed.

No kissing by telephone for us. We prefer to take the electricity direct from the battery.

While her mother was taking a fly out of the battery Little Daisy asked, "Is that a butterfly, mamma?"

MADAME: "Wherefore art thou then so sad, Christiana? Has thy lover also gone to the war?" Christiana (weeping): "Yes, madame, all three!"—*Paris Paper*.

BEAST, three years old, on seeing a fine bed of pansies in bloom cried out: "See the funny little faces 'out any heads!"

A LITTLE ten-year-old miss told her mother that she was never going to marry, but meant to be a widow; because widows dressed in such nice black and always looked so happy.

Commercial.

The market for Bengal Opium has kept pretty steady during the past fortnight, notwithstanding the earlier receipt of last month's drug coming to the market. The rate for Patna has slightly varied, and at the close has somewhat weakened, which may be attributed to the advance in the rate of exchange, though the drug is in large stock, the chief portion of it is held by strong parties. At Benares, a very fair business has passed for local requirements; this, combined with the call for the drug from the Coast ports and moderate stock, has tended to keep up the price for the drug so far. The day's quotations are \$570 to \$572½ for Patna; and \$550 to \$557½ for Benares.

The supply thus far received for next month, aggregates 3,228 chests. During the interval some 930 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 400 chests at the corresponding period last year, when neither money was tight nor rumours of a demand coming to the market. The quantity of Patna is 400 chests; of which kind the present stock comprises a similar quantity.

Patna.—Sales at \$485 to \$530 for good to best; at \$450 to \$480 for fair to good; at \$425 to \$450 for inferior; against

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked with a star, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked with a dot, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

- Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
 2. From Gas Works to the P. and O. Co.'s Factory.
 3. From P. and O. Co.'s Factory to the Harbour Master's Office.
 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Captain.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers							
Albany	h	Daily	Brit.	str.	2300	Oct. 26	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Alvina	h	Thieson	Ger.	str.	400	Oct. 26	Wider & Co.
Amatista	h	Thubaud	Brit.	str.	440	Oct. 26	Russell & Co.
Arabia	h	Parne	Amer.	str.	2787	Oct. 26	10 O. & S. S. Co.
Aratoun Apea	h	Mastavish	Brit.	str.	1297	Oct. 26	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Barents	h	Schneider	Brit.	str.	780	Oct. 26	Siemens & Co.
Barents	h	Civilovich	Aust.	str.	1707	Oct. 26	Melchers & Co.
Cairnmuir	h	Castle	Brit.	str.	1123	Oct. 26	Russell & Co.
Camorta	h	Orville	Dutch	str.	1230	Oct. 26	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Camorra	h	Lindemann	Ger.	str.	1097	Oct. 26	Siemens & Co.
Cathartian	h	Binsted	Brit.	str.	1480	Oct. 26	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
China	h	Schuler	Brit.	str.	1430	Oct. 26	Siemens & Co.
Chollerton	h	Clark	Brit.	str.	1743	Oct. 26	Siemens & Co.
Europe	h	Rosenstein	Span.	str.	414	June 30	Randolph & Co.
Euxine	h	Peters	Brit.	str.	970	Oct. 26	Russell & Co.
Fama	h	Stapan	Brit.	str.	117	Oct. 26	H. K. & W. P. Dock Co.
Gordon Castle	h	Waring	Brit.	str.	1338	Oct. 26	Seoy Shing
Greyhound	h	Scott	Brit.	str.	227	Oct. 26	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Hailong	h	Ashton	Brit.	str.	227	Oct. 26	Douglas Laiprak & Co.
Hakana	h	Ashton	Brit.	str.	281	Oct. 26	Alfong & Co.
Illegina	h	Alhens	Ger.	str.	1059	Oct. 26	Siemens & Co.
Kiaia	h	Wobler	Brit.	str.	1419	Oct. 26	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Kong Beng	h	Jones	Brit.	str.	802	Oct. 26	Yuen Fat Hong
Kwangtung	h	Albott	Brit.	str.	680	Oct. 26	Douglas Laiprak & Co.
Lee Yung	h	Chun	Aunan.	str.	150	June 19	Chinese
Liban	h	Lahio	Pel.	str.	170	Oct. 26	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Namoa	h	White	Brit.	str.	862	Oct. 26	Douglas Laiprak & Co.
Nepa Kin	h	White	Brit.	str.	1650	Oct. 26	Butterfield & Swire
Oceanic	h	Davison	Brit.	str.	1808	Oct. 26	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Olympia	h	Christiansen	Ger.	str.	783	Oct. 26	Siemens & Co.
Peking	h	Herrmann	Brit.	str.	1054	Oct. 26	Siemens & Co.
Pira Chon Kiao	h	Stratton	Brit.	str.	1011	Oct. 26	Hop Hing Hong
Piccola	h	Nissen	Ger.	str.	874	Oct. 26	Bun Hin Chan
Sea Gull	h	Haydon	Amer.	str.	48	Oct. 26	China Traders Insurance Co.
Stentor	h	Pocock	Brit.	str.	820	Oct. 26	Douglas Laiprak & Co.
Tao-Nan	h	Marsden	Chi.	str.	1262	Oct. 26	M. S. N. Co.
Tromp	h	Roe	Dutch	str.	137	Oct. 26	Edvard Schellhaas & Co.
Verona	h	Atkins	Brit.	str.	1802	Oct. 26	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Victoria	h	Shield	Brit.	str.	1452	Oct. 26	Thos. Howard & Co.
Sailing Vessels							
Asteria	h	Cox	Brit.	bge.	211	Sept. 26	Order
Bothwell Castle	h	Ramsey	Brit.	bge.	502	Oct. 26	Chinese
Charles Bal	h	Watson	Brit.	bge.	1431	Sept. 16	Russell & Co.
Gohin	h	Rash	Brit.	bge.	524	Oct. 10	Chinese
Gustav & Oscar	h	Seemann	Amer.	bge.	1352	Oct. 9	Russell & Co.
H. W. Dudley	h	Dudley	Amer.	bge.	1085	Sept. 1	Captain
Hayde Brown	h	Hayden	Amer.	bge.	821	Oct. 16	Russell & Co.
J. A. Borland	h	Kent	Amer.	bge.	870	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.
Lothair	h	Dexter	Brit.	bge.	800	Sept. 23	Russell & Co.
Louisa	h	Schierlach	Ger.	bge.	245	Jan. 2	Captain
Marie	h	White	Brit.	bge.	214	Aug. 20	Arnold, Karberg & Co.
Marie Louise	h	White	Brit.	bge.	442	Aug. 27	Siemens & Co.
Monte Lebon	h	Lightbody	Brit.	bge.	847	Sept. 28	Messageries Maritimes
Nelson	h	Nelson	Brit.	bge.	530	Oct. 12	Russell & Co.
Sarah S. Ridgway	h	Tovissand	Amer.	bge.	833	Sept. 12	Chinese
Sea Ripple	h	Rickers	Brit.	bge.	187	Sept. 23	Siemens & Co.
Silver Eagle	h	Richards	Brit.	bge.	908	Aug. 31	Arnold, Karberg & Co.
Sonntag	h	F. D. Waldo	Amer.	bge.	1004	Aug. 8	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Spartan	h	Wheeler	Brit.	bge.	366	Sept. 1	E. E. Tye Hong
Three Brothers	h	Warland	Amer.	bge.	263	June 8	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Twilight	h	Kennett	Brit.	bge.	626	Oct. 23	Lane, Crawford & Co.
Walls Castle	h	Savoy	Amer.	bge.	366	Oct. 23	M. B. M. S. S. Co.
Wildwood	h	Kennett	Brit.	bge.	366	Oct. 1	Russell & Co.
William Manson	h	Kennett	Brit.	bge.	366	Oct. 1	Russell & Co.
Wrecker	h	Honderd	Amer.	bge.	55	July 16	Blackhead & Co.
Zouave	h	Soper	Amer.	bge.	1202	Aug. 31	P. & O. S. N. Co.

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships in the China Squadron.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Albatross	composite screw sloop	340	4	840	Commander Chas. Hicks	Yokohama
Andalous	double screw iron frigate	6910	14	4330	Commander R. E. Tracey	Yokohama
Champion	corvette	2380	14	2340	Captain A. T. Powllet	Sunda Straits
Chaparra	corvette	2300	14	2610	Captain H. N. Hippieley	Hongkong
Cochetia	gunboat	465	4	470	Lieut.-Com. Robt. L. Groomo	On a cruise
Curacao	corvette	2383	14	2640	Captain Anstruther	Shanghai
Daring	composite sloop	940	4	920	Commander F. J. Elliott	Hongkong
Esk	double screw gunboat	360	3	340	In reserve	Hongkong
Esper	gunboat	430	4	430	Commander E. H. Gamble	Hongkong
Flying Fish	sloop	940	4	840	Lieut.-Commander Haskyn	Nagasaki
Fly	double screw gun-vessel	640	4	490	Commander John Hope	Singapore
Foxhound	gunboat	450	4	470	Lieut.-Commander McQuhae	Shanghai
Kestrel	double screw gun-vessel	710	4	830	Commander J. J. Jones	Chefoo
Linnat	double screw gun-vessel	707	5	1050	Commander J. J. Jones	Sunda Straits
Maggie	surveying vessel	303	3	600	Lieut.-Com. A. Carpenter	Hongkong
Midge	double screw gun-vessel	460	4	470	In reserve	Hongkong
Pegasus	composite screw sloop	1130	6	970	Commander Bickford	Yokohama
Sapphire	corvette	1370	12	2360	Captain Fullerton	Chefoo
Swift	double screw gun-vessel	755	5	1010	Commander Wm. Collins	Hongkong
Tweed	double screw gunboat	360	3	340	In reserve	Hongkong
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	3087	20	—	Commander Gunning	Hongkong
Vigilant	paddle despatch-vessel	836	2	1230	Lieut.-Com. Maxwell	Yokohama
Wivern	turret-ship	1800	4	1450	In reserve	Hongkong
Zephyr	gunboat	430	4	550	Lieut.-Com. G. N. A. Pollard	Hongkong

For H. B. M. Ships' tonnage, displacements and effective horse powers are given according to H. M. Navy list.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	N.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Abreck	Russian aviso	1100	7	300	Captain Schanz	Vladivostok
Chier	French transport	—	4	—	Captain Lafon	The North
Duke of Edinburgh	Russian ironclad	3200	18	900	Captain Giera	Yokohama
Enterprise	American corvette	1375	6	900	Commander A. S. Barker	Shanghai
Ernak	Russian transport	1000	4	80	Captain Kolchak	Japan
Essex	American sloop	1375	6	1200	Captain McCormack	Nagasaki
Gomocai	Russian gunboat	450	7	80	Commander Stark	Vladivostok
Hamelin	French cruiser	—	—	—	Commander Roustan	Tonquin
Ilia	German gunboat	420	8	100	Commander Klaus	Canton
Junata	American corvette	1000	—	—	Commander P. F. Harrington	Canton
Korsant	French sloop	1182	—	375	Commander de Beaumont	Tonquin
La Victorieuse	French ironclad	4500	14	750	Captain D. de la Batie	Hongkong
Logaspi	Spanish transport	1200	—	—	D. Ramon Valentin Baenaplat	Shanghai
Leipzig	German corvette	3000	16	400	Captain Herbig	Hongkong
Lutin	French gunboat	437	4	100	Captain Rouvier	Tientsin
Menocay	American sloop	1100	6	250	Commander O. S. Cotton	Vladivostok
Morge	Russian gunboat	400	7	80	Commander Moltoff	Yokohama
Najednick	Russian corvette	1500	—	—	Captain Kalageras	Vladivostok
Nepa	Russian gunboat	400	7	80	Commander Valronit	Vladivostok
Opfritnik	Russian corvette	1400	—	—	Captain B. Treshintoff	Hongkong
Palos	American gunboat	306	6	200	Lieut.-Commander Glidden	Hongkong
Panacola	American frigate	3000	14	600	Captain H. Eason	Yokohama
Randmond	American frigate	2300	14	600	Captain Skerrett	Yokohama
Skobeleff	Russian corvette	5000	—	—	Captain Blandareff	Yokohama
Sobol	Russian gunboat	400	7	80	Commander Boyle	Hongkong
Stoch	German frigate	2030	19	700	Com. Glomsh von Buchholtz	Hongkong
Tamaga	Portuguese gunboat	410	—	—	Captain F. de Costa Cabral	Singapore
Tongous	Russian gunboat	—	—	—	Commander Hack	Singapore
Tourville	French steel frigate	5240	27	6000	Lieut.-Commander Glidden	Shanghai
Triumphante	French ironclad	4376	14	—	Captain Bunt	Shanghai
Villars	French corvette	2400	15	675	Captain Dewart	Shanghai
Volta	French corvette	1300	—	—	Captain Fournier	Tientsin
Vostock	Russian gunboat	—	4	—	Commander Molchomsky	Vladivostok
Wolf	German gunboat	428	4	340	Commander von Raven	Corra

For Foreign men-of-war actual measurement, tonnage and nominal horse powers are given.

SHIPPING IN CHINA, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES, AND SIAM WATERS.

Vessel's Name.	Flag & Rig.	Destination.
Chin-tung	Chi. str.	Shanghai
Pongang	Brit. str.	Shanghai

Vessel's Name.	Flag & Rig.	Destination.
Kiang-ping	Chi. str.	Canton
Yotal	Brit. str.	Canton

In port on September 26, 1883.

Tay Watt Siam. bge.

In port on October 23, 1883.

Vessel's Name.	Flag & Rig.	Destination.
Brunette	Brit. bge.	London
Chateaubriand	Brit. bge.	London
Helene	Ger. bge.	Laid up
Hermine	Ger. bge.	Laid up
Hilda Maria	Ger. bge.	Bangkok
Lucky	Siam. bge.	Bangkok
Meridian	Siam. bge.	Bangkok
Milton	Norw. bge.	Bangkok
M. D'schmann	Ger. 3m. bge.	Bangkok
W. Minstrel	Brit. bge.	Bangkok

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